

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) today announced that she is an original sponsor of the “Safe, Orderly, Legal Visas, and Enforcement (SOLVE) Act of 2004.” As the only Latino on the U.S. House Judiciary Committee and the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, Sanchez has been actively involved in the immigration debate.

“Our immigration system is broken. Both Democrats and Republicans agree that something must be done to fix it. The Solve Act is the most balanced and comprehensive proposal before Congress. It creates a path to earned legalization for the 8 million immigrants who have been working in this country for years and have paid their taxes, abided by our laws, and contributed to communities across our country,” said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

The Solve Act includes the following provisions:

- Earned legalization for undocumented workers in the U.S.
- Green cards for the spouses and children of legalized workers
- Transitional legalization program available to more workers; and
- A comprehensive family reunification and backlog reduction system

Today, a coalition of Democrats — headed up by U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy (MA), Democratic Caucus Chair Bob Menendez (NJ), Democratic Immigration Task Force Chair Luis Guterrez (IL), and Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Chair Neil Abercrombie (HI) — introduced this critical legislation to reform our immigration system.

“This sweeping legislation would increase our nation’s safety, efficiency, and helps to fill an important economic vacuum. I will work with my colleagues to pass this bill in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is time to make immigration reform a reality,” concluded Congresswoman Sánchez.

The bill will be considered in the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims of which Sánchez is a member.